

REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 103, 106, 114, 120, 121 & 134 have been amended to correct a recently noticed antecedent basis problem with respect to “the coupling bay”, to add the missing word “are” in claim 103 and to implement independent claims as discussed with the Examiner. Additionally, claim 119 has been cancelled.

The allowance of claims 96-113 has been appreciated; however, in view of the suspension request that had been filed, issuance of the Notice of Allowance on August 17, 2010 was premature and it is understood from discussions with SPE Amr Awad that the Notice of Allowance will be vacated so that this Amendment can be entered. Furthermore, based upon an interview that was conducted with Examiner Willis on August 24, 2010, it is believed that the amended independent claims 114 & 134 will also be approved in the absence of any new and more pertinent prior art being discovered.

Claim 114 is novel and unobvious with regard to all cited documents since none of the documents discloses an input module which can be operated on the rear surface of a digital computer and is detachably received in a coupling bay so that it can be reached from at least two surfaces, and there is no reason or motivation to so locate an input module.

Claim 134 is novel and unobvious with regard to all cited documents since none of the documents discloses or suggests even the concept thereof by which a plurality of input modules are provided for connection to at least one interface of the digital computer, each input module being dedicated to a certain user and adapted to receive and store user specific access information for getting access to the digital computer or for getting access to specific information or programs stored in the digital computer as set forth in claim 133 and as is disclosed the portion of [0135] located on page 44 of the specification of the present application.

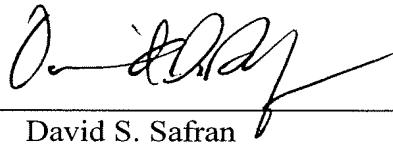
Therefore, in the absence of new and more relevant prior art being discovered, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested. However, while it is believed that this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain, or any new issues arise, after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the

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Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for the purpose of resolving any such issue and thereby facilitating prompt approval of this application.

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